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(54) Title: **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2-(6-SUBSTITUTED-1,3-DIOXANE-4-YL) ACETIC ACID DERIVATES**

(57) **Abstract:** The invention relates to a process for the conversion of group X in a 2-6(-substituted)-1,3-dioxane-4yl) acetic acid derivative according to formula 2 into a group OY in the presence of a phase transfer catalyst and an oxyllating agent, by using as a phase transfer catalyst a quaternary phosphonium ion and by using as an oxyllating agent an OY ion. X stands for a halogen and R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are each independently a C1-4 alkyl group or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the C-atom to which they are bound form a 5- or 6-membered cycloalkyl; Y stands for R<sup>A</sup>-CO- or for R<sup>B</sup>-SO<sub>2</sub>- with R<sup>A</sup>, R<sup>B</sup> are chosen from the group of alkyl or aryl with 1-12 C-atoms.

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